

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 3-13 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 13 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended. Claim 2 is canceled.

In the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-13 stand rejected under the doctrine of double patenting.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to address the indefiniteness rejections. Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

Double Patenting rejections

A terminal disclaimer is submitted to address the double patenting rejections. Applicants request that the double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

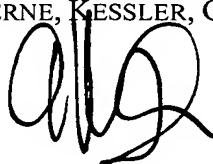
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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